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APPLICANT: Chen et al. TC/ART UNIT: 2425
FILED: January 22, 2004 EXAMINER: Idowu, Olugbenga O
TITLE: Method and Apparatus for Providing Access Protection in a Digital
Television Distribution Systems

RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2009 concerning the above-identified application and is timely filed within the three month shortened statutory period for a response. This reply is provided in response to the Office Action in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.111. Applicant submits the following remarks and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Office Action and to allow the claims to issue.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.